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Dear Frank:

Thank you for your letter of 29 June concerning the work of the National Strategy Information Center. Frank Barnett also has written to me, forwarding a recent publication of the Center.

I can well appreciate how your work might be of help to the Defense Department in its extensive training, recruitment, and public relations activities in the US, but such applications in relation to this Agency do not readily come to mind at this time. In the weeks ahead, however, I will be reviewing the broad scope of Agency activities and needs, and I will hold your invitation for further discussion open until that review has been completed.

I am replying to Mr. Barnett in a separate letter, and I will certainly let one or the other of you know if I find areas where I can take advantage of your generous offers to help.

Sincerely,

  
W. E. Colby



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Mr. William E. Colby, Director  
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Dear Bill:

I have been giving some thought to you and the Agency - and related problems in view of recent events. One of the things that I have been aiming at during recent years, particularly in connection with helping to develop National Security courses in universities across the country, is the requirement for academic instructors to acquire some appreciation of the actual role of the CIA since the National Security Act was first passed in 1947 and amended in 1949.

In a sense my close colleagues, including Frank R. Barnett, President of National Strategy Information Center, and I have been taking very concrete steps in the realm of public opinion and university course structure to see to it that the CIA and the general Defense establishment as such receive objective understanding and even sympathetic understanding. Our burden has been somewhat added to by recent events in Washington. Nonetheless, we are persevering in reaching several American publics - in the business communities, the media, and especially the universities.

I believe you are acquainted with Frank Barnett. He and I have for more than a decade now been active particularly in the instructional programs of the National War College and other institutions. More recently, he has been with Deputy Secretary of Defense Clements, Secretary of the Army Callaway, General Abrams, and others. I have met with several scores of academics in institutions across the country.

Without burdening you further, it might be useful if the two of us met with you, giving you some idea of what we are doing, and ascertaining from you how this effort might be furthered. If you are interested in meeting with us, drop me a line or give me a call at 212-861-8260.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

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